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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE: ADVANCING THE U.S. POSITION FOR CHANGE
IN CUBA - RESPONSE FROM COTONOU

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Classified By: Ambassador Gayleatha Brown. Reasons: 1.4 (b&d).

(C) As requested reftel, the Ambassador delivered the subject demarche to Acting Foreign Minister (Justice Minister) Cassa on Sunday morning, February 24, 2008. Minister Cassa acknowledged and welcomed the USG points, stating that on principle Benin supported freedom of speech and civil liberties. He noted that the President was out of town but would get the message to the President's Special Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs Ambassador Diallo. Post also will follow-up with the MFA Acting Director for the Americas.
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